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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A
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1. I have studied the attached staff study. As you know, General Cabell has had three meetings on this subject and I believe the following points have been agreed or decided by General Cabell:

a. The Medical Office may have psychologists on its payroll as a part of its psychiatric program. (I know this is contrary to Colonel Baird's view and wishes.)

b. The Assistant Director for Personnel should not have authority to veto a professional determination by the Chief, Medical Staff or the Director of Security.

2. I believe that we will have trouble with the proposed regulation unless these points are made clear, especially the latter. Your staff study is good, however, I don't really see what committee (s) will be necessary to carry out the approved regulation. Actually, what the regulation says is what we are doing now. The last sentence of the "GENERAL" statement, "The Security service to the Agency shall remain as presently constituted" is also applicable to Training, Medical, and Personnel. If we accept the fact that the Director of Security can be overruled on a security question only by the Director and the Chief, Medical Staff can be overruled on a medical determination only by the Director, then I don't believe this regulation really does anything except to confirm what we are now doing. It is the interpretation of the regulation that might cause trouble and, in fact, this whole thing never would have been started except that certain components of the Agency got an idea that other components were encroaching upon their established fields.

3. These are just "reactions" and I would like to discuss them with you shortly after I return from leave on the 26th. General Cabell is leaving on a trip Tuesday so we won't be able to get to him with this for two or three weeks anyway.

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